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Michele Ruth displays the "Telecommunicator of the Year" award that she received for her outstanding efforts in the County's Emergency Communications Center.

Firefighter Recognized as Telecommunicator of the Year

Master Firefighter Michele Ruth recently traveled to Dover, Delaware to receive the "Telecommunicator of the Year" award from the Mid-Eastern Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, Inc. Citing her "outstanding service to the citizens of Montgomery County and the State of Maryland, as well as for her contributions to the communications profession in general," Ruth is Montgomery County's first Emergency Communications Center (ECC) employee to receive this award.

Ruth worked in the ECC for four years before being promoted in December and transferring to the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). Prior to that, she was a career firefighter for six years at the Connecticut/Bel Pre VFD.

The 911 incident that earned Ruth the award took place last September when a truck driver called, stating that a co-worker had been stabbed several times in the stomach and side while pulled over on the shoulder of the road to make re-

pairs to his truck. Ironically, it was another co-worker who had attacked him and then left the scene. In handling the call, Ruth had to determine the exact location of the incident from a cell phone caller and then persuade the caller to follow her emergency medical instructions for treatment of life threatening injuries. She then obtained a description of the suspect, including vehicle description and possible direction of travel, for the police.

With Ruth's instructions and encouragement, the caller was able to control the victim's bleeding until medical help arrived, and with the suspect information, the police were able to apprehend the suspect a short time later.

Ruth was also recently recognized by Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan for her outstanding efforts and actions in another incident in which she skillfully assisted a citizen, via telephone, with the delivery of a newborn infant.

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Montgomery's Best Honor Awards

Employees are once again invited to submit nominations for the 2001 Montgomery's Best Honor Awards. These annual awards recognize exceptional efforts to support the County's programs and guiding principles. Eligibility for the awards is open to individuals and teams of County employees and volunteers, and to County residents and private organizations. The awards are based on accomplishments during the 2001 fiscal year.

Employees can nominate anyone, including themselves. Nominations must be submitted through departments for review and concurrence before going to the Office of Human Resources (OHR). Nominations must be received by August 1, 2001. A rating panel convened by OHR will make the final selections.

The awards presentation ceremony will take place on November 15. Details on the program, as well as a nomination form, can be found in the Resource Library at OHR's web site, www.montgomerycountyjobs.com.

Come Join The Fun



Whether it's gentle persuasion or resounding oratory, Toastmasters can help you prepare. The Montgomery County Toastmasters Club is open to everyone, teaching its members how to speak comfortably in front of a room full of people. Members learn and practice in a friendly, comfortable environment with both new and practiced speakers, willing to help you on your way. Toastmasters meets for one hour every first and third Wednesday of the month on the ground floor of the Red Brick Courthouse. Call David Ruppert at 301-933-7646 for more information.

In Memoriam



Retired employee Gary Dustin, 54, passed away on May 3 of complications resulting from an

automobile accident.

Dustin had worked in the print shop for 29 years when he retired from County service in July 1993.

He is survived by his wife Sharon.

Purchasing Card Program Ready For Rollout

County employees will soon be able to purchase office supplies with the new "P-card," a fast, flexible purchasing tool that provides an alternative method for procuring low-dollar supplies and services. The program has been successfully piloted and is ready to be rolled out to all county departments.

Use of the P-card drastically reduces purchasing and payment costs by eliminating the processing of requisitions, direct purchase orders, direct vouchers, vendor invoices and checks.

The P-cards are Visa credit cards issued by the Bank of America. The county is the creditor **not** the cardholder. **No individual cardholder's credit line, rating or history is effected by the use of the P-Card.** The cardholder is responsible for using the card in accordance with county and departmental policy.

For more information about the program, call John "Marty" Utermohle in the Finance Department, at 240-777-8851.

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Duncan Appoints County CIO

County Executive Douglas M. Duncan has named Alisoun Moore as the County's Chief Information Officer. Moore, who started her new position on April 18, will serve as director of the Department of Information Systems and Telecommunications.

"It speaks very well for Montgomery County, and for our Department of Information Systems and Telecommunications, that we are able to attract an IT professional of Alisoun Moore's caliber



to head this department," said Duncan.

Moore came to Montgomery County after serving two years as the CIO for the State of Maryland, in the Department of Budget and Management. Prior to that, she worked in several departments in the State of Maryland, including serving as the CIO for the Department of Transportation and

as Deputy Director in the Office of Finance and Information Technology for the State Highway Administration.

Volunteer For International Festival

This year's International Festival will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., in downtown Silver Spring. The annual festival celebrates the rich cultural diversity of Montgomery County with entertainment, international cuisine and crafts, and



children's activities. Numerous volunteer opportunities are available, including assisting with children's arts and crafts, set-up crew and traffic directors. Volunteers work in two-hour shifts. For more information, call 240-777-6820.

Overheard On the Elevator

TRACY STUGER, Commission for Women, recently won the title of Maryland Young Careerist at the annual conference of the Maryland Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW). She will go on to represent Maryland at the BPW/USA National Conference in Portland, OR. The program recognizes the accomplishments of successful young women and men between the ages of 25 and 35. Stuger was selected over four other candidates from around the state.

ANGELA WITHERS-SULLIVAN, Human Relations Commission, and her husband Frederick announce the birth of their daughter Olga Withers Sullivan who was born on February 28 and weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Congratulations to first-time grandmother, **SUSAN HOFFMANN**, Silver Spring Regional Services Center, on the birth of her grandson, Joseph Emerson, born on March 23 and weighing 8 lbs., 4 oz. Joseph is the son of Hoffmann's son, Jonathan and his wife Jennifer.

Kudos to **PETER CORTE**, **MARC WORTON**, **BRIAN JEFERSON** and **CHRISTOPHER STROUP**, who were recently promoted to the rank of Master Firefighter-Rescuer in the Fire and Rescue Emergency Communications Center.

ROSS and **LESLIE COOK**, Fire and Rescue Services, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Leigh, who was born on January 31.

Hoop dreams...**ARDELL JACKSON**, a temp in the Department of Health & Human Services, recently signed a four-year contract to play professional basketball with a team in Belgium.

CARLOS MANDULEY, Human Resources, was recently nominated to serve as a volunteer member on the newly created Family and Community Partnerships Advisory Council for MCPS. The goals of the Council are to address educational and policy issues, strategic planning and family/community outreach programs.



County Employees Lend a Hand – With a desire to give something back to the community where they live, several employees in the Procurement office volunteered their time to work with Habitat for Humanity in renovating a townhouse that will be awarded to a qualified family. Volunteers pitched in and helped hang drywall, install doors, replace carpeting, clean, and much more. "It was a rewarding experience for all of us," said Procurement Specialist and activity organizer Pam Jones. "We left there a little sore, but a lot happier." Pictured above are (l to r): Rose Faccenda; Tammy Dixon; Lori Hodsoll, HFH Volunteer Coordinator; Pam Jones; Bob Fagan, HFH Building Committee Chairperson; Marsha Watkins-Thomas; John Lee; Joseph Thomas; and Ed Stockdale. Not pictured, but also participating were: Beatrice Tignor, Gael Le Guellec, Pat Donnelly, Deirdre Willette and Mary Oneda-Brown.

Silver Spring and Wheaton 2001 Summer Concert Series

Bring a picnic dinner along with a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy a free concert – or outdoor movie – in Silver Spring and Wheaton. The Summer Concert Series are getting underway providing a variety of musical entertainment at 7 p.m. The Silver Spring concerts will take place on Thursdays at Georgia Avenue and Ellsworth Drive. The Wheaton concerts will be held on Wednesday evenings in the grassy area on Reedie Drive, directly across from the Mid-County Regional Services Center.

Mark your calendars with the following dates:

Silver Spring concerts:

- June 14** - Miguel Batafogo with Bruce Ewan & the Solid Senders (redhot blues)
- June 21** - Alex Fox (Latin music)
- June 28** - Jambulay (Caribbean band)
- July 5** - Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun (rockabilly)

July 12, 13, 14, 15 - "Silver Screen Under The Stars" – Outdoor Movies

July 19 - Cocktails Nuts (rockin' jazz)

July 26 - On the Edge (top 40, Motown, funk, disco, swing)

August 2 - Midnight Movers (Wilson Pickett's backup band)

August 9 - El Sabor DC (salsa)

August 16 - The Tokens ("The Lion Sleeps Tonight"-with original lead singer Jay Siegel)

Wheaton concerts:

- July 18** - Lox & Vodka (Klezmer music)
- July 25** - Peligro (Latin American)
- August 1** - Billy B (children's)
- August 8** - Night & Day (swing)
- August 15** - Itadi Bonney (African American)

HR Notes

Office of Human Resources

Benefits Seminars

Do you understand your group insurance? Attend an informational Benefits Seminar conducted by OHR's Benefits Team to learn more about group insurance and flexible spending accounts. Seminars will be held on June 20 from 2-4 p.m. (class #74720) and 5-7 p.m. (class #74721), and on July 25 from 2-4 p.m. (class #74722) and 5-7 p.m. (class #74723). Spouses are welcome. Register through OHR's Automated Training Registration Line at 240-777-5122.

June Open Season for Deferred Compensation

Enroll in the deferred compensation plan, change your contribution amount, change providers, or add a second provider during the June 1-29 open season. Call Fidelity Investments at 1-800-430-2363 or The Hartford at 1-800-243-7782, X207 for more information. Or visit provider Web sites. For forms and provider packets, visit OHR, EOB 7th floor.

Long-Term Care Insurance

The County will join four other County agencies in adding long-term care insurance to its list of optional benefits for eligible employees and retirees. Coverage will be through Prudential Life Insurance and will be 100% employee/retiree paid at group rates. The benefit will be effective January 1, 2002. Watch for more information, including presentations on long-term care in the late summer or early fall.

Benefits Listbot

Receive benefits information at home by joining OHR's new benefits listbot. To join, use your Internet access to go to the County OHR home page at <http://www.emontgomery.org/o hr/index_frameset.htm> and follow the instructions to join. Watch for more information in OHR's June newsletter about the benefits listbot.

Blood Drive June 13

Blood donations are urgently needed. Please help. A blood drive will be held Wednesday, June 13, in the EOB lobby auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call Occupational Medical Services at 240-777-5155 to schedule an appointment.

FLORIDA

TIMESHARES – one-week timeshare in Kisseme or Miami. Must be used no later than February 2002. Kisseme timeshare is located one mile from Disney World and the Miami location is on the beach. Both villas sleep four with continental breakfasts on Tuesdays-Fridays and BBQ dinner party on Friday evening. \$1,000. Call Mia, 240-777-1164.

'95 JEEP CHEROKEE – Limited Addition w/sunroof, all wheel drive, very good condition. \$8,900/best offer. Call 410-381-7929.

'94 CHEVY CAVALIER – teal, great condition, 54k miles. \$3,500 firm. Call 301-279-1017.

FOR SALE – queen-size bed w/bookcase headboard, 6-drawer dresser w/mirror, nightstand, \$250. Also, Barbie's riding jeep, great condition, \$60 (retails for \$200). Call 301-916-7019.

FOR SALE – king-size waterbed, dark wood, headboard w/mirror & shelves, \$175/best offer. Also, 37 gal. fish tank, inc. filter, hood, light, gravel, decorations, cleaning utensils, black wrought iron stand, \$200/best offer. Call 240-777-6084 or 301-528-2172.

FOR SALE – oak china cabinet w/recessed lights, \$350. Girl's provincial white desk & chair, \$25. Mahogany cedar chest, \$100. Antique stone fireplace front w/Victorian stone mantle. Antique black-embossed fireback, \$100. Two antique desk lamps, \$50 ea. Turn table, \$25. Oak end, sofa & coffee tables, \$75. Two pickled birch high-back bar chairs & matching pedestal stand, \$100. Color TV, 27", \$100. Barbie dollhouse, \$15. Call 240-777-1625.

Backpage Bargains

County employees may submit ads, non-commercial only, with name and home and office phone number to Information Office, 4th floor, EOB. **Ads may appear one time only.** Deadline for the next issue is June 29, 2001.

FOR SALE – Girls 20" Murray bike, \$30. Girls bike helmet, \$10. Girls size 4 roller blades, \$10. Tyco racing car w/tracks, \$10. Boys size 3 roller skates, \$5. Wood, 4-wheel wagon, \$15. Various board games for ages 5 and up, prices neg. Call Karen, 240-777-2869.

BABY ITEMS – two of each of the following: infant car seats, \$35, walkers, \$25, infant swings, battery operated, \$25 & \$30, infant carriers, \$10. Also, assorted clothing, boys, newborn – 12 mos. All in good condition. Call Dana, 301-657-0119.

COMPUTER – Compaq Presario, 330 MHZ, 32 MB RAM, 4-meg. video card, 32x CD-ROM, 56 kbps modem, JBL speakers, 15" monitor. \$150. Call 301-279-1017.

FOR SALE – PaceMaster treadmill, Pro-Plus heart rate control, electric w/lifetime ltd. warranty, low impact deck, preset & custom programs, and many more features, excellent condition. Also, Pokeman collection, excellent condition. Call 301-340-9323.

FOR SALE – Sears CardioForce lifecycle, good condition, \$60. Also, wedding gown & veil, never worn, excellent condition, \$500/best offer. Call Melanie, 301-565-5814 or 301-431-1737.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT – Pilates Performer w/video and instruction brochure, folds for storage, new condition, \$250/best offer. Torso Trac 2, endorsed by Suzanne Somers, new condition, \$50/best offer. Call 301-831-8195.

NORDIC TRAC – DeLuxe, like new. Best offer. Call Lee, 301-598-2336.

WEDDING GOWN – designer gown (Lazarro), dropped waist, full skirt w/chapel train, beautiful

buttoned bodice. Shown on cover of Md. Bride magazine. Cleaned & preserved. \$1,200/best offer. Call Meg, 301-540-8272.

WEDDING GOWN – brushed champagne satin gown w/cathedral length train. Hem is embellished w/hand-sewn seed pearls and iridescent sequins. Detachable veil w/hand sewn seed pearls and princess style headpiece. Swedish lace sleeves and bodice. Crinoline slip. Size 7. Call Cindie, 240-777-2004 or 410-635-6875.

DIAMOND RINGS – Tiffany & Co. .63 carat round brilliant cut engagement ring, G grade, VS1 clarity, platinum setting. Documentation & certificate of authenticity included. \$2,500. Also, 5-diamond wedding ring, platinum setting, VVS clarity, \$1,400. Best offer on both. Call Meg at 301-540-8272.

FOR SALE – Carolina Herrera eau de parfum, 1.7 oz., never opened, \$25. Also, Eureka Superbroom vacuum cleaner, seldom used, excellent condition, \$20. Call Linda, 240-777-4135.

AFRICAN PARROTS – charming, handfed babies. Vet checked and vaccinated. Health guaranteed, wonderful companions. Senegals, \$395. Congo Greys, \$795. Call Jack, 240-777-1918 or 301-774-1788.

TICKETS – two Baltimore Ravens PSLs, Sec. 502, sunny side. Will sell at face value, \$2,000 ea. Call 301-460-0787.

WHEATON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Featuring The Fabulous Thunderbirds,
Jr. Cline and the Recliners and The Rumba Club,
food, entertainment, and more!

Sunday, June 10, 12 to 5:30 p.m.
Reedie Drive, across from the Mid-County Services Center

Firefighter Recognized

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Ruth's husband William is also a firefighter and works out of the Gaithersburg VFD. In addition to her firefighting duties, Ruth works part-time as a nurse on the oncology ward of Shady Grove Hospital. Ruth recently participated in a 100-mile bike ride in Santa Fe, NM to benefit the Leukemia Society.